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## Letter from Mr. Rion on account of Mrs. Clemson's death, 1875 September 18

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Chester C. H., S. C., 25 Sept. 1875-

Dear Friend:

I was shocked this morning by receiving a telegram from my wife, sent by her yesterday evening, announcing the death of Mrs. Clewson. I had hoped that she had many more years to be your comfort and solace. I know she had her physical afflictions, but thought that none were of a serious character. She was, though, non-complaining; and seemed more to regard your afflictions than her own.

I can't express how I feel for you, in this sad bereavement; the third heavy stunning blow you have recently had. In your present situation your loss is immeasurable. You have lost a wife, who was in every sense of the word a companion for you, not only worthy of affection but of the highest esteem. Her good nature, high spirit, elegance of manners, extensive information and reading, fine intellect, and all the more valuable female accomplishments, fitted her to be a wife worthy of any man that has ever lived.



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I well remember how her father's eyes would brighten up, when he would speak of "Anna". In reading over his letters it is very touching to see with what pride he wrote of her, when a mere child. She was by all properly regarded as the child who inherited more of her father's great talents than any other of his children. "His children",— they are now all gone!

It is a great, though sad, consolation to me that I saw her so soon before her death. How I would have blamed myself, had I deferred my visit, as I at one time thought I would have to do, until another year. That year would never have come.

When you can, do write me the circumstances of her death, which I assume must have been very sudden. I hope you have some one with you to help dispel the gloom of solitude in which her departure must have left you.

God bless you, and give you comfort.

Yours sincerely,  
Geo. H. Rinn

Hon. Mr. G. Edmunds, Fort Hill,  
Piedmont, S. Ca.